

dates of common sense and common right. They came impressed with these. The press notwithstanding its es, began to disseminate them; conversation, too, as-[new freedom; politics became the theme of all societies, and female, and a very extensive and zealous party was d, which may be called the" Patriotic party, who sensible

abusive government under which they lived, longed for on of reforming it. This party comprehended all the by of the kingdom, sufficiently at its leisure to think; the)f letters, the easy bourgeois, the young nobility, partly -eflection, partly from mode; for these sentiments became "er of mode, and as such united most of the young women

party. Happily for the nation, it happened that, at the moment the dissipation of the court had exhausted the *f* and credit of the State, and M. de Calonnes found him-Dliged to appeal to the nation, and to develop to it the if their finances. He had no idea of supplying the deficit >nomies; he saw no means but new taxes. To tempt the i to consent to these some *douceurs* were necessary. The les were called in 1787. The leading vices of the con-on and administration were ably sketched out, good lies proposed, and under the splendor of the propositions, land for more money was couched. The Notables con-
1 with the minister in the necessity of reformation, adroitly sd the demand for money, got him displaced, and one iir leading men placed in his room. The archbishop of >use, by the aid of the hopes formed of him, was able to

w some money, and he reformed
considerably the expenses
2 court. Notwithstanding the
prejudices since formed
st him, he appeared to me to pursue
the reformation of
ws and constitution as steadily as a
man could do who had
ag the court after him, and even to
conceal from them
onsequences of the measures he was
leading them into.
is time the criminal laws were
reformed, provincial assem-
and States established in most of the
provinces, the States
•al promised, and a solemn
acknowledgment was made
e King that he could not impose a
new tax without the